



NEWS RELEASE

City Monitors Quarantine

Abbotsford, Friday January 23, 2009 – The City of Abbotsford was advised that several local farms have been quarantined because of a possible Avian Flu outbreak on January 23, 2009.

Earlier today, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency imposed the quarantine on several farms located within a three-kilometre radius of one turkey producer in Abbotsford. The City is monitoring the situation and is in contact with officials overseeing the incident. Testing is underway with results expected within 24 hours.

“We are glad that the Canada Food Inspection Agency is taking these precautions and quarantining farms because we know first hand how important early detection is at reducing the spread of the disease,” says Mayor George W. Peary. “The devastating Avian Flu outbreak in 2004 seriously impacted many of our local poultry farmers, feed mills and hatcheries.”

The Avian Flu outbreak in February 2004 impacted 36 Abbotsford farms and millions of poultry. The City will continue to work closely with all levels of government to keep local residents informed and support local producers.

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